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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
65.		Favor	Alton Wilkerson	Hello Board and Staff. My name is Alton Wilkerson. I am a Journeyman Electrician for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 11. I am speaking today to encourage the County to proceed with negotiations for new solar energy Power Purchase Agreements in Lancaster, with Solar Star LA County High Desert. Not only will this project save the County on its energy expenses and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, thanks to the County's commitment to labor and the inclusion of strong workforce development language, it will create much needed careers that pay family sustaining wages and benefits during this pandemic. I am a life long resident of LANCASTER and have worked on local solar projects. Thanks to my 5 year apprenticeship education, I have the knowledge and skill to work on all types of electrical projects. I was introduced to IBEW by an organization called "2nd Chance at Loving Life". My career as a union electrician has exceeded my expectations. So much so, that my wife is now an IBEW Apprentice. I've been promoted multiple times. We are able to comfortably raise our family. But these opportunities like mine do not happen without projects like this one. Thank you for your commitment to ensuring County projects create real careers.

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65.		Favor	Joseph F Sullivan	<p>Hi, I work for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 11 and the National Electrical Contractors Association of Greater Los Angeles. I am Speaking to express our strong support of the County entering negotiations for new solar energy Power Purchase Agreements in Lancaster.</p> <p>Thanks to the County's commitment to creating high road careers and the strong workforce development language in this agreement, This project will create many much-needed union careers at a time when these communities have been severely impacted by Covid.</p> <p>Since these utility scale energy projects in the Antelope Valley started, unemployment in regions like Lancaster dropped by about 80% (pre-Covid). These projects are essential to building and maintaining strong communities.</p> <p>Projects like these create the need for us to bring in new apprentices. Our Apprenticeship program is what transforms jobs into high road careers. It is a 5 year program offered at no cost to students. Students earn while they learn and receive full family medical and dental benefits after their 4th month in the program. Upon graduation Journeymen Electricians are qualified to do many types of electrical construction and work anywhere in the US while earning family sustaining wages. There are numerous paths for career advancement and extensive continuing education on new technologies.</p> <p>In short, projects like this, with its strong workforce language and commitment to meaningful creating careers, strengthens communities.</p> <p>Joe Sullivan</p>
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